MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The State Governments have given various suggestions in connection with the proposal for amendments to the Urban Land Ceiling Act. These suggestions include:—

1. the genuine agriculturists should be given protection;
2. the rate of compensation should be increased;
3. various procedures prescribed under the Act should be simplified;
4. land holder may be encouraged to develop his land;
5. the limit on maximum amount of compensation should be removed;
6. vacant land held by a person in other States/UTs should not be clubbed

(b) The Central Government does not acquire any land under Urban Land Ceiling Act as the implementation of the Act lies with the State Governments. However, it is a fact that very little land has been acquired by the State Governments under the Act.

(c) and (d) No such information is compiled by Central Government.

(e) The prices of Urban land in almost all the urban areas have gone up including those cities which are coming under the jurisdiction of Urban Land Ceiling Act. Primary reason for this is the short supply of developed urban land.

Negligence of Municipal Authorities in Preventing Damage Caused by Rain

2385. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report published in Navabharat Times of 15th july, 1993 entitled "Varsha Se Niptane ke Intjamon Par Kharch Karoron Rupaye Par Pani Fira";

(b) if so, whether Government are aware of the lack of preparedness of Municipal authorities in Delhi in the face of the monsoon this year as in the previous year;

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to immediately repair the demage caused by the monsoon due to the negligence of the Municipal authorities of Delhi; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to prevent such a situation from arising in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi have reported that pre-monsoon arrangements were satisfactory. New Delhi Municipal Committee has also reported that they are geared to tackle the situation arising out of rains.

(c) N.D.M.C. has reported that all the vulnerable points, where accummulation of water was noticed, have already been identified and provision of drainage outlets and installation of de-watering pumps have been effected. Damage to the roads is being attended to. MCD has reported that they have undertaken repairs of roads where potholes were developed during the heavy rains and in some places, the work is in progress. Drains, silted during rains, are being desilted.

(d) MCD has reported that a committee of experts has been appointed by Lt. Governor of Delhi to examine drainage system in Delhi and to suggest appropriate measures. As an interim measure, pumping arrangements are being strengthened. Steps like desilting of drains and sewers to remove obstruction have been undertaken.

मध्यप्रदेश में आवास समस्या

2386. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
चौधरी हरि सिंह :

क्या **शहरी विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्यप्रदेश के ग्रामीण और शहरी क्षेत्रों की आवास की समस्या को हल करने के लिए आवास और शहरी विकास निगम के विचाराधीन योजनाओं के नाम क्या हैं;

(ख) क्या उक्त निगम ने इन योजनाओं को मंजूरी दे दी है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री पी० के० थुंगन) : (क) मध्यप्रदेश की कोई ग्रामीण आवास योजना हुडको के पास स्वीकृति हेतु शेष नहीं है । हुडको